

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1. (original) A method of design comprising the steps of:
agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
providing computer programs to aid in the design of an integrated circuit; and
receiving a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said data contains a watermark.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data for use in the design of an integrated circuit.
5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein said data contains a watermark.
6. (original) A method of design comprising the steps of:
agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
designing a portion of an integrated circuit using computer programs; and
making a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said data contains a watermark.
9. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said data contains a watermark.
11. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
12. (withdrawn) Machine readable media comprising data, wherein said data was generated by a computer program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.
13. (withdrawn) A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit comprising the step of:
reading a media containing data, wherein said data was generated by a computer program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.
14. (withdrawn) A method of design comprising the steps of:
agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
providing computer programs and receiving a first payment; and
receiving a second payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein the usage and the number of copies of the computer programs are unlimited.
16. (withdrawn) A business method comprising the steps of:
providing by a first party access to a computer program by a second party,
according to an agreement between the first and second parties; the first party receiving from the second party a first payment upon such access; and
receiving by the first party a second payment from the second party when the second party executes the computer program according to the agreement to generate a useful result.
17. (withdrawn) A business method comprising the steps of:

paying by a second party to a first party a first payment according to an agreement between the first and second parties, the second party receiving from the first party a computer program; and

paying by a second party to the first party a second payment, the second party executing the computer program to generate a useful result.